AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE, AND LISTING OF ALL CLAIMS WITH PROPER IDENTIFIERS

1. (Currently amended) ~~Method~~ A method for dispensing a liquid fragrance ~~fragrances~~, comprising:

~~by using~~ providing a device with

at least one delivery unit,

at least one supply line [[(2)]] for supplying the fragrance to the at least one delivery unit [[(4, A)]], ~~wherein the supplied fragrance is converted to an aerosol by applying an electric charge,~~

a high-voltage unit [[(5)]] connected to the at least one delivery unit [[(4, A)]] for applying [[the]] an electric charge to the fragrance for converting the supplied fragrance to an aerosol, and

~~a controller (6), and~~ at least one shutoff and actuating element [[(3, P, V)]] ~~connected with the controller (6)~~ for shutting off the supply line [[(2)]], and further

~~characterized in that~~ activating the at least one shutoff and actuating element [[(3, P, V)]] and the high-voltage unit ~~(5) are activated~~ with a time offset relative to each other, thereby reducing a quantity of the fragrance disposed inside the supply line [[(2)]] between the at least one shutoff and actuating element [[(3, P, V)]] and the at least one delivery unit [[(4, A)]].

2. (Currently amended) ~~Method~~ The method according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that the fragrance is distributed by first activating~~ wherein the high-voltage unit [[(5)]] is activated before ~~and then opening~~ the at least one shutoff and actuating element [[(3, P, V)]] is opened.

3. (Currently amended) ~~Method~~ The method according to claim 1 ~~or 2, characterized in that when the distribution~~ and further terminating or interrupting delivery of the fragrance from the at least one delivery unit by first closing ~~is concluded and/or interrupted,~~ the at least one shutoff and actuating element before deactivating ~~(3, P, V) is closed first, whereafter~~ the high-voltage unit ~~(5) is deactivated~~.

4. (Currently amended) ~~Method~~ The method according to ~~one of the claims 1 to 3, characterized in that a~~ claim 1, wherein the high ~~electric~~ voltage unit applies a voltage in a range between 0.5 kV and 25 kV ~~is applied~~ to the at least one delivery unit [[(4, A)]].

5. (Currently amended) ~~Method~~ The method according to claim 1 [[4]], ~~characterized in that the applied~~ wherein the high ~~electric~~ voltage unit applies a voltage [[is]] in a range between 1.5 kV and 6 kV to the at least one delivery unit.

6. (Currently amended) ~~Method~~ The method according to claim 4 [[or 5]], ~~characterized in that~~ and further maintaining the ~~high electric~~ voltage ~~is maintained~~ at a constant level, and controlling ~~whereas the volume flow of the fragrance is controlled via~~ the at least one shutoff and actuating element [[(3, P, V)]] to adjust a volume flow rate of the fragrance.

7. (Currently amended) ~~Method~~ The method according to claim 6, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ the volume flow rate is adjusted ~~changed~~ by controlling a micropump [[(3, P)]].

8. (Currently amended) ~~Method~~ The method according to claim 7, ~~characterized in that the~~ wherein the ~~maximum delivery~~ volume flow rate of the micropump [[(3, P)]] is adjusted to [[be]] have a maximum value that is smaller than or equal to [[the]] a delivery capacity of the at least one delivery unit [[(4, A)]].

9. (Currently amended) ~~Method~~ The method according to ~~one of the claims 1 to 8, characterized in that each~~ claim 1, wherein different ones of the at least one delivery unit ~~(A1, A2, A3) is~~ are supplied with a different fragrance, and wherein the different fragrances are separately converted into aerosols by separately controlling the time offset ~~timing or volume~~.

10. (Currently amended) ~~Method~~ The method according to ~~one of the claims 1 to 9, characterized in that~~ claim 1, and further withdrawing the fragrance ~~is withdrawn~~ via the at least one supply line [[(2)]] from an exchangeable fragrance reservoir [[(1)]] having a flexible casing.

11. (Currently amended) ~~Device~~ A device for dispensing a liquid fragrance, comprising: ~~carrying out the method according to one of the claims 1 to 10, with at least one supply line (2) for supplying the fragrance to~~

at least one delivery unit [[(4, A)]],

at least one supply line for supplying the fragrance to the at least one delivery unit,

~~wherein the supplied fragrance is converted to an aerosol by applying an electric charge,~~ a high-voltage unit [[(5)]] connected to the at least one delivery unit [[(4, A)]] for applying [[the]] an electric charge to the fragrance for converting the supplied fragrance to an aerosol, ~~a controller (6), and~~

at least one shutoff and actuating element ~~(3, P, V) connected with the controller (6)~~ for shutting off the supply line [[(2)]], ~~characterized in that~~

a micropump ~~(3, P) is provided which affects the~~ for adjusting a volume flow rate of the fragrance, said micropump having a maximum delivery volume that is smaller than a maximum delivery capacity of the at least one delivery unit, and

a controller for controlling the at least one shutoff and actuating element or the micropump, or a combination thereof,

wherein the ~~maximal delivery volume of the micropump (3, P) is smaller than the maximum delivery capacity of the delivery unit (4, A),~~ controller activates the high-voltage unit and the micropump with a time offset so that as to reduce an amount of the fragrance disposed inside the at least one supply line [[(2)]] between the at least one shutoff and actuating element [[(3, P, V)]] and the at least one delivery unit (4, A) ~~can be reduced by activating the high-voltage unit (5) and the micropump (3, P) with a time offset~~.

12. (New) The method according to claim 6, wherein different ones of the at least one delivery unit are supplied with a different fragrance, and wherein the different fragrances are separately converted into aerosols by separately controlling the volume flow rate.

13. (New) The device of claim 11, further comprising a plurality of reservoirs, each reservoir connected to the at least one delivery unit by a dedicated micropump, with the controller controlling the dedicated micropumps.

14. (New) The device of claim 13, wherein the reservoirs are exchangeable and have a flexible casing.

15. (New) The device of claim 11, further comprising a reservoir containing the frangrance, wherein the reservoir is exchangeable and has a flexible casing.

16. (New) The device of claim 11, wherein the high voltage unit supplies a voltage in a range between 0.5 kV and 25 kV.

17. (New) The device of claim 11, wherein the high voltage unit supplies a voltage in a range between 1.5 kV and 6 kV.